INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: FAO In-Country Training Program – Peru

1. **PURPOSE**: To provide a summary of the FAO in-country training program and facilities in Peru to assist in selection and preparation of replacement personnel. Projected in-country trainees should use the information provided to contact incumbent FAO trainees and/or FAO supervisor as early as possible for more detailed information.

2. **FACTS**:

- a. Summary of Program:
 - (1) Tour Length: 12 Months.
 - (2) Normal Arrival/Departure Dates: January through December.
- (3) Program Description: One FAO conducts ICT in Peru each year. FAO attends the second year of the Peruvian Army Command and Staff College (*Curso de Comando y Estado Mayor, Escuela Superior de Guerra*).
- (a) FAOs conduct regional travel before, during, and after completion of the course. Major breaks are one week in July and three weeks in October-December timeframe. Travel is allowed on long weekends, but only with a letter from the Defense Attaché's Office.
- (b) Language Instruction Availability: FAOs are immersed in the language for the duration of the course.
 - (4) Prerequisites: CPT/MAJ; branch immaterial; Spanish DLPT 2/2.
- b. POVs: Each FAO is authorized shipment of one POV. Due to long shipment times (approximately 3 months), FAOs should ship early or consider purchasing a used vehicle in-country. Cars are restricted to an engine size of 2.5 liters but waivers can be obtained from the Embassy for other vehicles. Used cars are of questionable quality and very expensive. Recommend bringing replacement filters (oil, air, and fuel), especially for American models. Maintenance labor is cheap but the parts are hard to find and expensive.
- c. Household Goods: Allow approximately 2-3 months to receive household goods. FAOs are authorized full JFTR. Incoming FAOs should coordinate with resident FAOs for recommended items to bring as accompanied and unaccompanied baggage.
- d. Housing: Officer receives Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) and must arrange for privately leased housing. Before signing a lease, FAOs must ensure housing meets all Embassy requirements. Housing is readily available with realtors very willing and able to show you all homes in your price range. Good housing is available within the

housing allowance. House-hunting and security preparations of the home will normally mean one to two months of Apart-Hotel living.

e. Support Facilities:

- (1) Medical: The Embassy has a medical office with nurse practitioners and an English-speaking doctor a couple of times a week. Only basic care is available. The Embassy recommends several clinics in the area for emergency and serious care. TRICARE Latin America reimburses in 4-6 weeks.
- (2) Dependent Schooling: The schools used by most Embassy employees are the American School of Lima and Colegio FD Roosevelt, which are both good quality schools. Around 75% of the students are Peruvian, and the rest are American or other international children. Other schools are available but rarely used. Bring shot records and all available transcripts. DODDS pays school costs, except for pre-schoolers.
- (3) PX/Commissary: Commissary is available to all military members. Orders are done on a computer and flown in from Charleston once a month. Bring a freezer. PX items are available by mail, phone, or internet only. Orders arrive in about 10 days. Embassy has a small commissary with all the necessities at roughly convenience store prices. A \$350 refundable deposit is required for shopping there.
- (4) APO: A full service APO is available at the Embassy. Normal postal regulations for size and weight apply.
 - f. Rating Chain:

Rater: AARMA Senior Rater: ARMA

g. Address:

(1) Mail: Rank, Name USDAO Lima Unit 3790 APO AA 34031

(2) Message: USDAO LIMA PE

h. Phone #: 011-511-434-0199

3. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

a. Bring Advanced Course, CAS3, and CGSC materials. ICT provides a good opportunity to complete them and they also serve as valuable references while attending school. Recommend bringing U.S. Army Field Manuals in Spanish.

b. FAOs should bring complete array of military uniforms.

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